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Sir:

The Applicant hereby claims small entity status assertions under 37 CFR 1.27(c)(1) for the entire period of this application.

Please call the undersigned attorney if any issues remain after this

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